

FICMMR Guidelines:

WHO DOES THE REVIEW ON OUT OF COUNTY DEATHS?

FOR FETAL, PRE-TERM INFANTS, INFANTS, CHILD, AND MATERNAL DEATHS:

Medical deaths are reviewed by the county of Residence.

Intentional or accidental deaths, of any kind, are reviewed by the County where the death occurred.

Exception to above:

If an intentional or accidental injury actually occurred in the County of Residence, but they die in a different county (example, rushed to a larger hospital), then the County of Residence does the review. Why? That is WHERE the INCIDENT occurred that led to the death.

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OUT OF STATE DEATHS of MONTANA RESIDENTS:

These deaths are reviewed by the county where the child resided. If it is a fetal case, the review is done by the county where the mother resides.

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RESIDENTS FROM OTHER STATES WHO DIE IN YOUR COUNTY:

Do not need to be reviewed by Montana FICMMR teams. We only review the deaths of MT residents.

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Final Points:

- ✓ Other circumstances will undoubtedly arise. Work it out between yourselves. If stuck, then contact the state FICMMR coordinator, 406.444.3394.
 - ✓ The county not doing the review still participates (helps provide information, access to records, etc).
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NOTE:

When an American Indian death occurs, then the Memo of Understanding (MOU Agreement) between the tribe (and/or a representative) and the local FICMMR team determines which entity takes the lead on the death review and division of responsibilities.